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In re: Patent application of: Group Art Unit:  
Frank D'Aguanno 3723  
Serial No: 09/676,627 Examiner:  
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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
REMOVING A GOLF CLUB HEAD  
FROM A GOLF CLUB SHAFT

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is submitted in response to a paper bearing a mailing date of 23 March 2004 in which the examiner raised an objection to applicant's reply filed 20 October 2003 as being not fully responsive to the prior office action due to failure to identify which ones of the claims added to the application in the paper dated 20 October 2003, namely claims 16 through 31, are directed to the invention of Group 1, which was elected by applicant for prosecution on the merits in applicant's paper dated 11 February 2002.

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Applicant again traverses the restriction requirement set forth in the paper from the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated 10 January 2002 and again requests reconsideration of the same.

Without prejudice to the foregoing traverse and in an effort to move this application forward towards allowance and issuance as United States patent, applicant identifies newly added claims 17, 18 and 22 through 31 as belonging to Group 2, namely apparatus, which was elected for immediate prosecution on the merits by applicant in applicant's 11 February 2002 paper.

Applicant respectfully submits that the foregoing addresses all matters raised in the official action dated 23 March 2004 and that prosecution on the merits of the application should go forward.

In the event there are any questions concerning the foregoing and applicant's response to the paper dated 23 March 2004, the examiner is encouraged to telephone or e-mail the undersigned counsel for the applicant.

Applicant notes that the attorney docket number appearing on the paper from the United States Patent and Trademark Office dated 23 March 2004 is incorrect. The correct docket number for this application is 18781.00201. We respectfully request that the records of the United States Patent and Trademark Office be corrected to reflect this.

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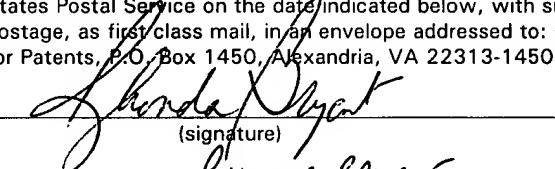
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